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**From:** Bassler, Rachel [Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/21/2016 3:40:14 PM  
**To:** Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo

I'll give you a call in a few.

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**From:** Berkoff, Michael  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 10:14 AM  
**To:** Bassler, Rachel <Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo

Sure. She called me too. I told her that she needed to arrange the interview through you. When will you be out of the meeting?

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**From:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 10:03 AM  
**To:** Berkoff, Michael <berkoff.michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo

This reporter just called me and said she called you. I'm in a meeting now but let's talk after.

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**From:** Rebecca Thiele <[rebecca.thiele@wmich.edu](mailto:rebecca.thiele@wmich.edu)>  
**Date:** October 21, 2016 at 9:52:27 AM CDT  
**To:** Rachel Bassler <[bassler.rachel@epa.gov](mailto:bassler.rachel@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo

Rachel,

Is there an official ROD document to accompany this announcement? Thank you,

Rebecca Thiele

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**From:** Rachel Bassler <[bassler.rachel@epa.gov](mailto:bassler.rachel@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 10:34:19 AM  
**To:** [newsstaff@wmuk.org](mailto:newsstaff@wmuk.org)  
**Subject:** EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo

### **EPA Finalizes Cleanup Plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo**

CHICAGO (Oct. 20, 2016) -- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved the final cleanup plan for Allied Paper Landfill in Kalamazoo, Mich., after considering public comment on the remedy. The landfill is part of the larger Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site which spans Allegan and Kalamazoo counties.

As EPA designs and implements the remedy, it will consider potential reuse and redevelopment of the site. The cleanup involves removing contaminated soils from sections of the landfill next to Portage Creek and consolidating them into the center of the landfill. This will prevent erosion and the re-release of contaminants into the creek.

As a part of the cleanup, an impermeable cap will be installed over the landfill to cut off the exposure pathways— protecting human health and the environment. A groundwater monitoring network will help EPA evaluate the protectiveness of the remedy over time.

Paper mills built in the late 1800's along the Kalamazoo River and its tributaries operated until the 1980's. From the mid-1950's through the 1970's, the mills released polychlorinated biphenyls into the river during the paper recycling process. The ink used in carbonless copy paper was contaminated with PCBs. In August 1990, EPA added the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site to the National Priorities List.

For more information: [www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo)

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